

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A program processing apparatus and system is disclosed by which an electronic program guide can be used to confirm a condition of each program readily and perform various operations for a program. The program management apparatus, is formed from a personal computer having functions for performing recording and playback of a program, a video tape recorder having a function for acquiring an electronic program guide, or a like apparatus. The program management apparatus includes a program recording section, a program playback section, a program guide displaying section which issues an instruction to perform a suitable program process in response to an operation of an electronic program guide displayed thereon, a recording reservation management section, and a program guide preparation section for preparing an electronic program guide. The program management apparatus further includes a program guide database, a program recording reservation database and a recorded program database.